



CRD-918

Docket No. CRD-918

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Donald F. DePalma et al.
Serial No. : 10/041,117
Filed : January 8, 2002
Title : MODULAR ANEURYSM REPAIR SYSTEM

Art Unit : 3738
Examiner : C. L. Miller

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

May 22, 2003
(Date of Deposit)

Carl J. Evens
(Name of applicant, assignee, or Registered Representative)

[Signature]
(Signature)

May 22, 2003
(Date of Signature)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED
JUN 02 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER

AMENDMENT/REPLY

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the referenced patent application be amended as shown below.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A system for bypassing an aneurysm comprising a first prosthesis and at least one second prosthesis communicating with the first prosthesis, said first prosthesis comprising a conduit defining a single fluid flow path[;] and a compressible gasket positioned in an interior of the conduit, the gasket including at least one aperture for receiving the at least one second prosthesis to create a fluid flow path, wherein said second prosthesis is configured to provide a